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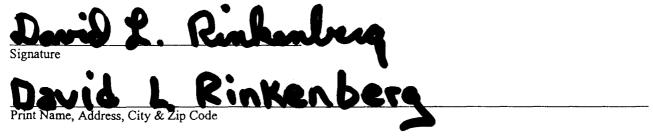
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Marshall County depends upon the St. Joseph County DMA for its radio and television broadcasts, and the largest daily newspaper, *The South Bend Tribune*, is published in St. Joseph County.

Passenger rail service for Marshall County residents is provided by the South Shore Railroad in St. Joseph County, which provides commuter transportation between South Bend and Chicago. Marshall County residents also rely upon the South Bend area for passenger bus service and for rail passenger service via Amtrak. The major passenger airport for Marshall County residents is located in South Bend in St. Joseph County, with flights to Chicago and Indianapolis.

Economically, more than 2,675 Marshall County residents (8.9 percent of the county workforce) commute into St. Joseph County, while nearly 1,100 St. Joseph County residents commute to Marshall County each day. In total, nearly 4,000 people cross the county line between Marshall and St. Joseph counties each day to go to work.

Educationally, Marshall County residents travel to St. Joseph County to attend St. Mary's College, the University of Notre Dame, Indiana University South Bend, and the Ivy Tech State Community College. In addition, the John Glenn School Corporation in Walkerton, Ind., and the Union-North United School Corporation in Lakeville, Ind., enroll a significant number of students from both counties.

Finally, while Marshall County has local hospitals in Plymouth and Bremen, the major medical facilities, including trauma centers, are located at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and Memorial Hospital, both of which are located in South Bend in St. Joseph County.

The second change I want to recommend is moving Marshall County into the Central time zone.

Given that St. Joseph County is the hub of the DMA, and Marshall County is clearly dependent upon the St. Joseph County DMA, and your proposal moves St. Joseph County into the Central time zone, then it is clear that moving Marshall County into the Central time zone with St. Joseph County meets the DOT's convenience of commerce standard.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you keep Marshall and St. Joseph counties in the same time zone.

Best regards,

Signature

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